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(John A. Holliday House)  
(Chapline Street Row Historic District)  
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Wheeling  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: 2307 Chapline Street, Wheeling,  
Ohio County, West Virginia.

Present Owner: Roy A. Shafer.

Present Occupant: Mrs. Georgia Polites.

Present Use: Apartment and rented rooms.

Significance: The Holliday-Schaefer House is an example of post Civil-War eclectic architecture and utilizes elements of several different popular styles. The interior woodwork is beautifully executed and is in excellent condition. The rear portion appears to have been built around 1868 and the front block about 1896. These dates are based on all known historical information and an architectural evaluation of the exterior.

### PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#### A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection. Rear portion, c. 1868. City and County Land Book of Ohio County for 1868 recorded that a building assessed at \$2300 had been added. The front block appears to date from c. 1896.
2. Architect: Not known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: The Holliday-Schaefer House was built on the north one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition of Wheeling. The following references to the title of this lot are found in the Ohio County, West Virginia Deed Books.  
  
1864 Deed, 23 November, recorded in Deed Book 48, page 396. North Western Bank of Virginia to Edward Reid \$1500 for Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.  
  
1866 Deed, 21 May, recorded in Deed Book 50, page 338. Edward Reid and wife to John A. Holliday and wife \$1000 for North one half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.

- 1870 Deed, 31 March, recorded in Deed Book 57, page 138. John A. Holliday and wife to David Kull \$4500 for the North one half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition "with the brick dwelling house thereon."
- 1878 Deed, 28 February, recorded in Deed Book 68, page 20. David Kull and wife to Caspar F. Schaefer \$4100. for the North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition. Caspar F. Schaefer died intestate and his property descended to his son and sole heir-at-law, Edward W. Schaefer.
- 1914 Deed, 10 December, recorded in Deed Book 151, page 180. Henry S. Schaefer et al, Edward's heirs to Annie Schaefer (Edward's widow) North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1919 Deed 15 April, recorded in Deed Book 164, page 355. Annie Schaeffer to Henry Reiter North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1932 Deed, 15 March, recorded in Deed Book 228, page 257. Henry Reiter to Elizabeth C. Bailey North one-half of Lot 155. Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1943 Deed, 24 August, recorded in Deed Book 272, page 170. Elizabeth C. and George W. Bailey to Earl S. Orum and wife North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1944 Deed, 19 August, recorded in Deed Book 276, page 187. Earl S. Orum and wife to Jim Leos North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1948 Deed, 22 November, recorded in Deed Book 311, page 215. Jim Leos and wife to Emmanuel Pahoundis and wife North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1950 Emmanuel Pahoundis died intestate, 15 August 1950, leaving his half interest in the North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition to his three daughters, Irene P. Christodoulakis, Sophie A. Lagotheris and Joanne Pahoundis.
- 1952 Deed, 13 August, recorded in Deed Book 346, page 29. Irene Pahoundis Christodoulakis to Mary Pahoundis undivided one-sixth interest in 2 parcels of land including the North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1952 Deed, 25 September, recorded in Deed Book 347, page 122. Sophie A. Lagotheris to Mary Pahoundis undivided one-sixth interest in two parcels of land including the North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.
- 1961 Deed, 16 May, recorded in Deed Book 426, page 401 Mary Pahoundis and Joanne Pahoundis to Thomas E. Watson and wife North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition, "as joint tenants with the right of survivorship."

1968 Deed, 23 October, recorded in Deed Book 492, page 210.  
Carrie Eunice Watson to Roy and Betty Schafer North one-half of Lot 155, Chapline and Eoff Addition.

4. Original plans, construction, etc. Not known.
5. Alterations, additions, etc: This house has been changed to accommodate the needs of the several renters and boarders who live in the house. The most distinct change has been in the separation between the first floor apartment and the rear two-room apartment. This separation has been accomplished by the construction of a brick wall and the introduction of a separating staircase which leads to the second floor.

It was not possible to see either the rear apartment or the rooms upstairs. The individual rooms of the first floor apartment have not been changed structurally and the decorative features are still intact. The functions of these rooms have changed to accommodate the needs of the first floor tenant. The area under the front stairway has been altered to provide a very small kitchen.

B. Historical Events and Persons Associated With the Building.

John A. Holliday moved to Wheeling in 1845. He ran a lumber business for several years before taking over a planing mill and lumber yard. The mill burned in 1861. By 1870 Holliday had erected a new planing mill. At this time he took his son, John L. Holliday, into partnership with him. Their firm, J. A. Holliday and Son, engaged twenty men in 1870 and, by 1879, their business had increased so much that they employed between 40 and 70 men. Their biography, published in 1879, stated that they enjoyed "extensive business in all branches of trade."<sup>1</sup>

The interior of the Holliday-Schaefer house abounds in delicately crafted woodworking of Eastlake character. Although no mention is made of their skills in this, it is clear that their associations with wood and construction made the Hollidays very much aware and appreciative of wood detailing.

C. Sources of Information:

Newton, J. H., G. B. Nichols, and A. G. Sprankle. History of the Panhandle; being Historical Collections of the Counties of Ohio, Brooke, Marshall and Hancock, West Virginia. Wheeling, W. Va. J. A. Caldwell, 1879

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The brick and terra cotta front of this three-story dwelling combines Romanesque, Chateausque and neo-grec details.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Approximately twenty five feet across the five-bay three-story front by approximately eighty feet.
2. Layout, shape: Rectangular.
3. Foundations: Coursed stone.
4. Wall construction, finish and color: Unpainted red brick.
5. Structural system, framing: Wooden timber.
6. Porches, stoops, bulkheads: The front stoop is set into the front wall and is enclosed by a brick arched opening. Four wide steps lead up to this level, four feet above grade. There is also a frame porch at the rear, adjoining the back apartment.
7. Chimneys: Four
8. Openings:
  - a. Doors and doorways: The front door is inset. The door and casing are original. There is another exterior entrance on the south side, and also one at the rear.
  - b. Windows and shutters: There is a variety of windows. Almost all are double hung with one-over-one sash. The sills and lintels are stone. See photographs for front windows.

9. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: The roof has multiple configurations but for the most part is hipped. It has both slate and tar paper covering,
- b. Cornice, eaves: See photographs.
- c. Dormers, towers, cupolas: See photographs.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The first floor and basement were the only floors accessible. The first floor has a spacious entry foyer, including a fireplace, along the south side. There are two living rooms to the north and a hallway leading directly back to the dining room at the rear of the front section. A bath and kitchen are built in under the stairs and landing. Beyond the dining room is a private stair to the upper floors and a small two-room apartment with access from the back of the house. The second floor has a central hallway with rooms to each side, and the third floor is apparently one large space, extending only over the front section of the house. There is a full basement subdivided into rooms with a hallway along the south wall.
2. Stairways: The main stair to the upper floors is along the south wall of the entry foyer. It turns at 90° with two landings before the second floor. There is a stained glass window along the stairway on the south wall. The detailing and craftsmanship of the newel post and handrail are excellent. There is an additional enclosed straight run staircase to the second floor, beyond the dining room. Access to the basement is through an exterior stairway at the rear of the building.
3. Flooring: There are hardwood floors, natural finish, throughout on the first floor. The dining room floor also includes a wood parquet design. The basement floor is a combination of wood and brick.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls and ceilings, generally, are plaster. The first floor hallway has lincrusta wainscot. The basement has the wooden wainscoting in the space near the stairs. From all appearances the basement was at one time used as an office or apartment.
5. Doors and doorways: Most of the doors and doorcasings on the first floor appear to be original. There are double pocket doors connecting the foyer and front parlor, as well as the front and back parlor. Several of the doors have a finely detailed wooden lacework motif over the doorway. This appears to be a part of the original interior decoration.

6. Special Decorative features: The doorway design mentioned above, the foyer fireplace mantel, the front stairs and the built-in dining room cabinet work are all finely crafted design and well preserved.
7. Mechanical equipment: Steam radiators.

D. Site and Surroundings:

The building fronts on Chapline Street, and the property extends to an alley at the rear. There is a cast-iron fence and gate along the Chapline Street side. Most of the rear yard is brick paved. There is a sixteen by twenty foot brick garage at the rear northwest corner. It appears to be original, perhaps built as a carriage building.

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

This project was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey under the general direction of John Poppeliers, Chief of HABS, and Kenneth L. Anderson, HABS Principal Architect, in cooperation with the Friends of Wheeling, Inc. The measured drawings were made during the summer of 1976 under the supervision of John M. McRae (University of Florida) with architectural technicians Mark L. Hall, Foreman, (Pennsylvania State University); Edward C. Freeman (Arizona State University); Ruthie D. Wiley (Mississippi State University); Alan G. Wilig (City College of New York); and Architectural Historian Candace Reed (George Washington University). The photographs were taken in 1977 by HABS photographer Jack E. Boucher.

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